



## Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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### **EXCISE POLICE & FORT WAYNE POLICE RAID ILLEGAL BOOTLEG ESTABLISHMENT**

FORT WAYNE, IND – The Indiana State Excise Police & the Fort Wayne Police executed a search warrant Sunday at a garage. The garage was located at 716 Milton St. The investigation began a month ago after both agencies received complaints about the occupant(s) selling alcoholic beverages on Sunday without a permit.

Excise Officers arrested two men for running the illegal operation. Both men were charged with Maintaining A Common Nuisance, a Class D Felony & Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Without A Permit, a Class B Misdemeanor. Arrested was the owner of the residence, Emmitt Lee Stewart, age 69 & Charles Edward Bradford Sr., age 55. The men told police that they have been friends for several years. Stewart & Bradford were both taken to the Allen County Jail.

Upon the execution of the search warrant, nine(9) other people were found inside the garage. All nine people were charged with Visiting A Common Nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor, & taken to the Allen County Jail.

During the search of the premise, numerous cans & bottles of various brands of alcoholic beverages were seized along with \$428.88 in US Currency.

The Indiana State Excise Police are the law enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission.